THERE WAS A FELLA WHO TOOK CARE OF HIM A WAYS BACK.

NAME'S JACK RIGHT NOW.

IT'S NOT UNCOMMON FOR DEMONS TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES WHENEVER THEIR POSITIONS FLUCTUATE.

RIGHT NOW HE'S GOT A BAR IN THE SLUMS.

HIS TRUE NAME IS—

MADK

硯 Ryo Suzushiro 遼

"THE ONE WHO TELLS NO TRUTHS"

In order to understand J's past, Makoto heads for the slums—!

SOUL

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硯 Ryo Suzuri 遼

■ FOR THE STORY UP TO NOW, PLEASE READ VOL. 55-59, 61, AND 63.

PARDON ME, HAVE I MADE YOU WAIT?

SHUT

TO HAVE YOU CALL ON ME EVEN AFTER LEAVING THE BROTHEL IS THE GREATEST OF HONORS,

M-DONO.

YOU OVER-PRAISE ME, YOUR EXCELLENCY.

Clack

I'M THE ONE WHO IS EVER SO GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR HEARING ME OUT.

NO, NO, IT IS A WONDERFUL THING TO KNOW THE UNDERWORLD SO WELL.

I SHALL WILLINGLY GUIDE YOU TO THE SLUMS OR ANYWHERE ELSE YOU PLEASE, IF IT PLEASES YOU

AAH, BUT...

THIS SIMPLE FORM...

AAH, GRACIOUS ME, WHY DID YOU HAVE TO END YOUR TERM AS A PROSTITUTE?

SNIFF

sigh

IF YOU DIDN'T BELONG TO J...

slide

THESE LIMBS OF YOURS ARE QUITE NOSTALGIC.

PULL

THOUGH THE HUMAN SMELL HAS COMPLETELY LEFT YOU.

LET'S CONTINUE AT THE INN.

!!

SIGH...

I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER BEEN MORE THANKFUL FOR J'S PROTECTION THAN I AM RIGHT NOW.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

SLIPS

AS THE INDIVIDUAL M, OF MY OWN FREE WILL

(roll)

I WISH TO SPEND THE NIGHT WITH YOU.

(ff)

(roll)

RIGHT NOW, I AM NO PROSTI-TUTE.

THAT'S EXACTLY WHY,

Lift c...

I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOUR PERFECT ESCORT.

(huff)

ACCEPTED.

(huff)

IT'S NOT NEARLY THE WASTELAND I IMAGINED.

Though there's a crazy amount of trash every-where...

I CAN'T HEAR YOU BAS-TARD!

YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT! I AM THE STRONGEST!

CALL ME BY MAH NAME!

YOU'RE BETTER.

YOU'RE MORE POWER—!

AAH!? I CAN'T HEAR YA!

YOU... YOU'RE STRONG.

UWAA...

I TAKE IT BACK.

SEE? THEY'RE AT IT OVER THERE, TOO.

WHO KNOWS.

...WHAT IN THE WORLD HAS THEM KICKING UP SUCH A FUSS...

IT'S NOT ALL THAT UN-COMMON A SIGHT.

thumbs

I HAVE A LITTLE QUERY TO MAKE, SO COULD I ASK YOU TO WAIT HERE FOR A BIT?

AS YOU WISH.

I WONDER IF THAT'S THE STORE D-SAN MENTIONED.

That's some seriously stout lattice-work on the windows, damn...

...WE DON'T SEE FOLKS DRESSED LIKE YOU AROUND HERE OFTEN.

WHAT'S YOUR BUSINESS HERE?

RATTLE

YELP

RING

YELP

CLATTER

GROWL

GROWL

...ARE YOU JACK?

THOUGH YOU'RE WELCOME IF YOU'RE A GUEST.

AAH, THAT'S ME ALL RIGHT,

BUT WHO TH' HELL ARE YOU?

DATEN-SHOU!

IS THAT ALRIGHT?

I'M MAKOTO, HERE BY DATENSHOU-SAN'S INTRO-DUCTION.

Here, water.

NOW, I'M AT J'S PLACE.

YES, SIR. I WAS ABLE TO WORK IN HIS BROTHEL AS A PROSTITUTE.

IS THAT FELLA DOIN' ALRIGHT?

Clatter

AH, UM-

WELL IF YOU'RE NOT A CUSTOMER I'LL HAVE TO MAKE YOU LEAVE, SO

WHAT'LL YOU HAVE?

WELL, I'M NO GOOD WITH LIQUOR, SO DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING NON-ALCOHOLIC?

THAT, AND...

Wipe

TO YOU.

THE TREA-SURE OF A HONEYED SOUL

GOLD SPRINKLED OVER WITH A BIT OF SILVER,

SHIVER

SORRY, BUT NO CAN DO.

ABOUT THOSE WHO WOULD KNOW J'S PAST.

...WHAT IS IT YOU WANT TO ASK ME?

ABOUT J.

...NOT ONE?

THERE'S NOT A SINGLE ONE IN THIS BAR.

IF ASKED WHY, IT'S BECAUSE THE ONES YOU'RE SEEKING DON'T EXIST.

fwip fwip fwip

WHY DON'T WE PROVE IT?

NAME YOURSELF NOW.

ANY WHO KNOW THE MAN BEARING THE INITIAL "J."

MUR MUR

'S IF I'D KNOW

WHISPER

WHO TH' HELL'S J?

.....

NO WAY THERE'D BE A GUY LIKE THAT 'ROUND THESE PARTS.

A GUY WHO'S INITIALED?

CLACK

IF A BASTARD LIKE YOU KNOWS 'EM, WE ALL'D KNOW 'IM, TOO!

THE FUCK YOU SAYIN' T' ME!

AH... WELL, MY APOLOGIES.

PUT

Ah.

I'M NOT LYIN'!

QUIT YER LYIN'!

I KNOW 'IM!

CLATTER

Yelp Scream

THOUGH I DON'T THINK IT'D BE SOMETHING THOSE FROM THE INITIALED WORLD WOULD UNDERSTAND.

NO NEED TO WORRY OVER IT. LOW-CLASS DEMONS JUST HAFTA YELL.

TH' THINGS I SAY COME OUT REGARDLESS OF MY PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE.

...!! NOT AT ALL, THAT'S PERFECTLY FINE.

I DON'T THINK IT'LL BE OF MUCH HELP, BUT,

E'EN SO,

IT'S BEEN A RIGHT LONG TIME SINCE SOMEONE WENT THROUGH THE PROPER PROCEDURES TO ASK ME A QUESTION.

THANKS FOR THE DRINK,

SHAX THE LIAR.

...THOUGH I'VE LONG SINCE LOST MY PEERAGE.

CLACK

rattle

TO BE ABLE TO CALL HIS NAME...

THOUGH HE'S FALLEN NOW, HE'S STILL A FORMER MARQUIS...

JUST WHO THE HELL IS HE...?

THERE SEEM TO BE QUITE THE LINEUP OF TASTY SHOPS HERE, SO IF YOU LIKE...

NO, YOUR EXCEL-LENCY.

YES, I WAS. THANK YOU FOR WAITING.

WERE YOU ABLE TO REAP THE ANSWERS YOU SOUGHT?

OOH, M-DONO, I WAS ABOUT TO TIRE OF WAITING FOR YOU.

You seem to be quite enjoying yourself, aren't you...

I WOULD RATHER THE INN.

AS YOU WISH.

wag wag wag

.....

I'M GOING TO BE SPENDING TIME WITH YOU, AFTER ALL.

SNIFF SNIFF

WELL, NATURAL-LY...

IT'S QUITE THE LOVELY PLACE, ISN'T IT.

PLOP

FIRST, HOW ABOUT A SHOWER...?

Right?

HUFF

WELL THEN, TODAY WE SHALL TAKE OUR FILL!

JUST A—

PUFF

EXCU-

REAL

wag wag wag

RATTLE
CLATTER

...FUUU...

THEN YOU WOULDN'T MIND IT TERRIBLY IF I WENT IN FIRST?

RISE

MY GRACIOUS, HOW RUDE OF ME. I'VE DONE SOMETHING QUITE UNGENTLEMANLY, HAVEN'T I.

GO AHEAD, OF COURSE.

drop

WHEN THE HELL DID HE STRIP, THIS BASTARD?

WELL, EVEN IF HE'S LIKE THAT, HE'S NOT THE VIOLENT TYPE, SO THAT'S GREAT

THERE'S NO CHANCE OF ME GETTING A SHOWER

I WONDER HOW IT'LL GO NOW THAT IT'S NOT A PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT LIKE THE BROTHEL..

Hmmm...

sigh

SO HE'LL BE OUT IN 30 MINUTES, GIVE OR TAKE.

grip

doze

KNOCK KNOCK

THE HELL IS HE PUTTING SO MUCH EFFORT INTO WASHING?

...HE'S TAKING A REALLY LONG TIME, ISN'T HE.

YOUR EXCELLEN-CY?

DON'T MOVE.

...HUH

Y' DON'T SEEM TOO SURPRISED, DO YA

YOU WERE AT THE BAR EARLIER, WEREN'T YOU?

DIDN'T YOU TAIL RIGHT AFTER ME?

IF YOU'RE AFTER GOLD DUST, I DON'T HAVE ANY.

I USED IT ALL AT THE SHOP EARLIER.

MORE LIKE I'M TOO SURPRISED TO EVEN SAY ANYTHING.

SHOP?

...

OH?

HA!

WELL AREN'T YOU SOMETHIN'.

THEN,

BUT YOU WERE THE ONLY PERSON TO STAY QUIET, SO I REMEMBERED YOU.

AFTER THAT THERE WAS SUCH AN UPROAR,

I WONDER IF THIS WILL SURPRISE YOU!

FLAP

.....KH!

WELL, YEAH.

JUST WONDERED WHAT YOU MIGHT BE GETTING UP TO.

DID YOU TAIL ME...?

...WHY ARE YOU HERE, J?

DID YOU CHASE AFTER ME FOR STEALING THAT GOLD DUST...?

AFTER ALL, SOMEONE COULD BREAK IN HERE EASILY, JUST LIKE THIS.

IF YOU'RE OUT FOR A TRYST, YOU MIGHT WANT TO AT LEAST CHOOSE A BETTER INN.

THAT'S A LIE.

IF YOU'LL RETURN IT, I WON'T DO ANY-THING TOO—

THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT. GRACIOUS SAKES ALIVE, BUT AREN'T YOU QUITE THE LITTLE DEVIL.

WELL, I'D NOTICE EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T LIE, THOUGH.

WHO ARE YOU?

YOUR SPEECH AND GESTURES ARE QUITE CRUDE.

SLAP

I DON' LIKE IT ONE BIT.

GRIPS

NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT'CHA YOU'RE JUST SOME LITTLE BRAT.

THE HELL'S WITH THAT CALM ATTITUDE O' YOURS?

T' TOP IT OFF, THIS HERE'S THE SLUMS.

NO MATTER HOW WELL YOU CAN MANIPU-LATE YOUR WORDS,

THE GUY WHO TAKES THE OTHER'S HEAD FIRST WINS.

BANG

PIERCE

Y'HEAR, LITTLE MASTER?

THE WORDS OF S

COUGH

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D FIND ONE SO QUICKLY

I JUST INTENDED TO TAKE A LOOK AROUND FOR TODAY, AFTER ALL.

hehe

ALWAYS OPPOSE THE TRUTH.

IF LETTING YOU TAKE MY HEAD OFF MAKES IT EASIER FOR YOU TO TALK, THEN PLEASE, BE MY GUEST.

THE ONLY ONE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT WHO DIDN'T STEP FORWARD AT THE TIME WAS THE ONE WHO KNEW J.—

...

I LOPPED 'IS EARS OFF, TOO, SO HE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HEAR OUR CONVERSATION.

...THE TRUNK OVER THERE.

YOU'RE QUITE SOMETHING TO BE ABLE TO TAKE HIS HEAD SO EASILY

THAT'S EXACTLY WHERE HIS POWER IS...

AH,

...YOU...

PARDON ME, BUT MIGHT I ASK SOME-THING?

WHERE IS HIS EXCELLEN-CY'S HEAD?

OH DEAR, I DON'T MIND PAIN, EITHER!!

huff

SLASH

huff

IS THIS THAT KIND OF PLAY!?

WHEN I APPROACHED HIM LOOKIN' LIKE YOU, HE STAYED HARD EVEN AFTER I CUT IT OFF.

AH~_ YOU DON'T SAY...?

...THAT'S RIGHT

THIS DEMON'S PRETTY TALKATIVE IF YOU ASK HIM SOMETHING, ISN'T HE..

CHILLS

stroke...

I WOULD LIKE TO BUY YOU OUT.

WOULD ONE MOUNTAIN OF GOLD DUST BE ADEQUATE?

IT WOULD BE MY MISTAKE FOR UNDER-ESTIMATING THE SLUMS.

IF THAT HAPPENS, IT HAPPENS. THERE'D REALLY BE NO HELPING IT.

WH-... WHAT IF I WEREN'T THE TYPE HERE FOR GOLD DUST, AND JUST WANTED TO LIKE, SPLAT SLASH YER HEAD OFF 'CAUSE I LIKE THE SLAUGHTER? YOU'D DONE BE DEAD

WELL, I INTRODUCED MYSELF AT THE PUB, AFTER ALL.

I'LL HAVE A PROPER TALK WITH YOU, SO CAN I REQUEST YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF, AS WELL?

rip

tear

...HOW VEXING... JUST WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU, SERIOUSLY...

I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD THING TO KEEP IN MIND THE NEXT TIME YOU TAKE HIS FORM.

HE HAS AN EYE ON HIS FORE-HEAD.

AH, IF YOU'RE GOING TO TRANSFORM INTO J, THERE'S ONE MORE.

Siiigh...

THOSE INITIALED BASTARDS REALLY ARE OFF THEIR FUCKING ROCKERS.

YEAH, YEAH, LET ME JUST SHOW YOU MY WHOLE DAMN IDENTITY.

GUUUH, FUCK. I EVEN PREPARED THIS FRILLY-ASS SHIRT FOR THIS TRANSFORMATION, Y'KNOW—

Damn that's tight.

EH— A LADY!?

strip strip

BOING

!!

HUP

SHAKA

BUT I'VE GOT ABOUT ZERO INTENTION TO LET YOU GO ON YOUR MERRY WAY UNHARMED... WELL, IN THE MEAN-TIME, LET ME TELL YOU MY NAME.

DROP

IT DEPENDS ON WHY IN HELL'S NAME YOU'RE LOOKIN' INTO J...

I'M KIERAN.

J'S ELDER BROTHER.

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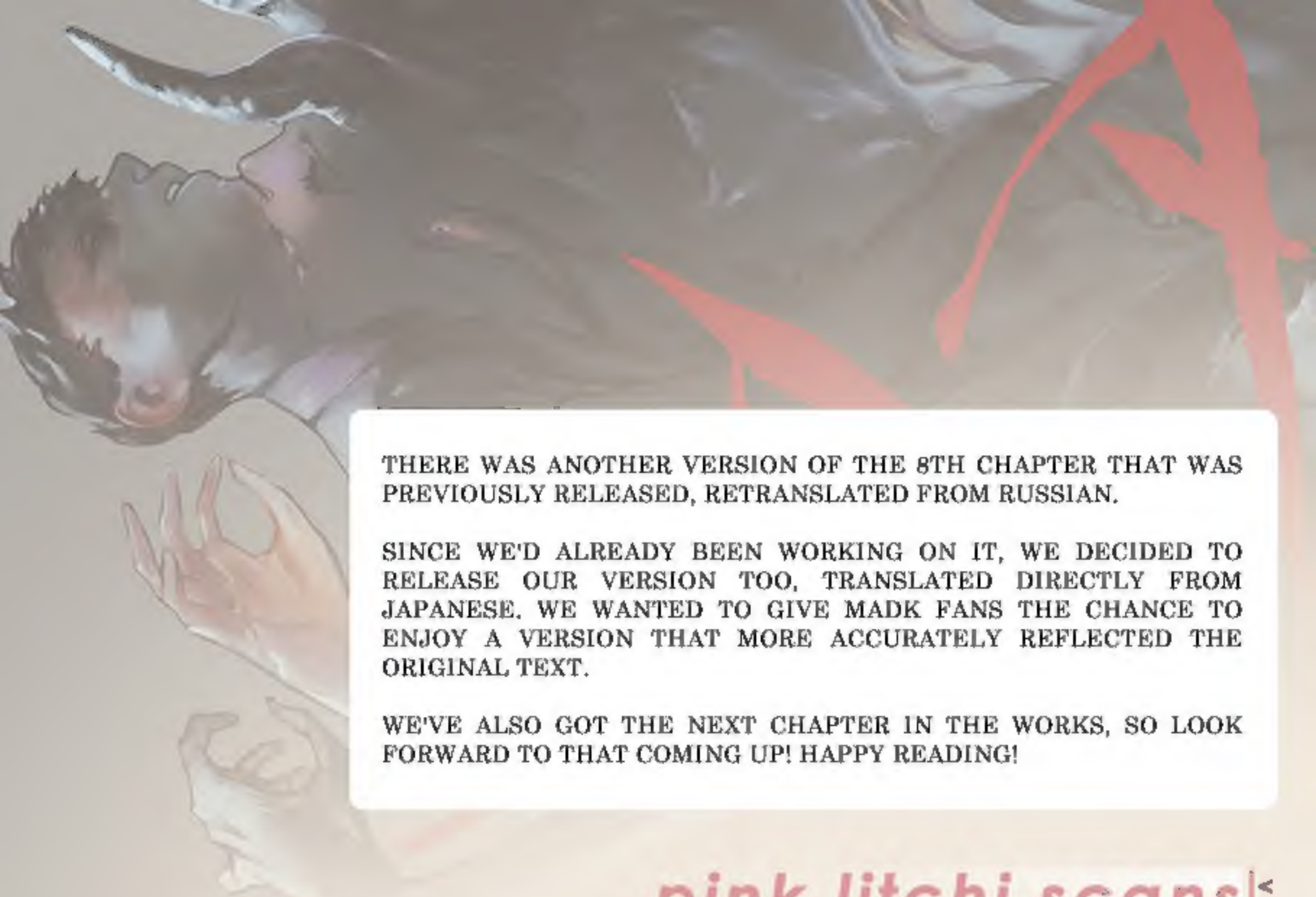

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SINCE WE'D ALREADY BEEN WORKING ON IT, WE DECIDED TO RELEASE OUR VERSION TOO, TRANSLATED DIRECTLY FROM JAPANESE. WE WANTED TO GIVE MADK FANS THE CHANCE TO ENJOY A VERSION THAT MORE ACCURATELY REFLECTED THE ORIGINAL TEXT.

WE'VE ALSO GOT THE NEXT CHAPTER IN THE WORKS, SO LOOK FORWARD TO THAT COMING UP! HAPPY READING!

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